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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: Channel 54, Slidell, Louisiana

File Nos. BPCT-900518KO
BPCT-900726KG

Dear Ms. Searcy:

Transmitted herewith, on behalf of Caroline K. Powley d/b/a Unicorn Slidell, applicant in the above-captioned proceeding, is an original and three copies of a Reply to the Opposition to the Motion to Dismiss or Deny the application of Trudy M. Mitchell.

Should any questions arise concerning this matter, kindly communicate with the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Reply to the Opposition to the Motion to Dismiss

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## Before the **Federal Communications Commission** Washington, D.C. 20554 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

In re Applications of CAROLINE K. POWLEY File No. BPCT-900518KO d/b/a UNICORN SLIDELL Slidell, Louisiana TRUDY M. MITCHELL File No. BPCT-900726KG Slidell, Louisiana For a Construction Permit for a new UHF Commercial Television Station to Operate on Channel 54, Slidell, Louisiana

To the Chief, Mass Media Bureau

## REPLY TO OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO DISMISS OR DENY

Caroline K. Powley d/b/a Unicorn Slidell ("Unicorn"), applicant for a construction permit to build a new UHF Commercial Television Station to operate on Channel 54, Slidell, Louisiana, by its attorneys, hereby submits its Reply to the Opposition filed July 17, 1991, to the Motion to Dismiss or Deny the above-captioned application of Trudy M. Mitchell. In support, the following is respectfully shown.

1. In the Motion to Dismiss Unicorn or Deny, demonstrated that the Mitchell application was defective when tendered and should not have been accepted for filing pursuant to Section 73.3566(a) of the Commission's Rules. Among other things, that pleading established that Mitchell's technical proposal was in violation of the separation requirements of Section 73.610(d) and

73.698 of the Commission's Rules, in that it specifies, without recognizing the deficiency or requesting an appropriate waiver, 100 percent short spacing between the proposed Channel 54 facility and operating Station WCCL(TV), Channel 49, New Orleans, Louisiana.

- 2. On July 17, 1991, Mitchell tendered an Opposition to Unicorn's Motion. Therein, Mitchell does not respond to substantial and serious allegations raised by Unicorn. Instead, Mitchell merely observes that petitions to deny that application must have been filed with the Commission by March 13, 1991.
- 3. It must first be noted that Unicorn's pleading is not a petition to deny. Nevertheless, Unicorn did request in footnote 1 of its pleading, that, if deemed necessary, the Commission's procedural rules be waived to permit Commission consideration of the issues of transcendent importance to the resolution of this proceeding in the public interest. The facts and circumstances supporting Unicorn's petition may be officially

On June 14, 1991, Mitchell tendered an amendment to the application specifying, among other things, a new transmitter site. Unicorn supplemented its Motion to Dismiss or Deny on July 5, 1991, to note that having failed to tender an application in any way sufficiently complete prior to the cut-off date established in this proceeding, a curative amendment tendered after that cut-off date could not correct those deficiencies. These facts are not recognized or addressed in Mitchell's pleading.

noted by the Commission as Mitchell's application speaks for itself. Regardless of the timing Unicorn's pleading, these issues must be recognized and evaluated before this proceeding moves forward.

Accordingly, for the reasons contained in the Motion to Dismiss or Deny, Mitchell's application as tendered is patently not in accordance with the FCC rules, regulations or other requirements, was inadvertently accepted for filing, and it should now be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sandie Jordan, a secretary in the law offices of Baraff, Koerner, Olender & Hochberg, P.C., certify that on this 19th day of July, 1991, a copy of the foregoing Reply to Opposition to Motion to Dismiss or Deny was mailed, first-class U.S. mail, postage prepaid to:

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